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'The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdaleneearly, when it was pet dark, unto the sepulcher, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulcher"

The Supreme Value.

By the Churchman.

"THAT is man that Thou ation. He represents the goal of art mindful of him?"

exclaimed a thinker of long ago. He was perhaps looking up into a brilliant sky when ing up into a brilliant sky when mind from the first. Nothing in the words sprang to his lips. Con- creation is so high as thought, will sidering the heavens, the work of and affection; and these are at-God's fingers, the moon and the tributes of the spirit of man. As stars that He had ordained, he Pascal says, "The mountain may felt his own insignificance. The crush me, but the mountain does world of that day was small in not know that it has crushed me, comparison with the cosmos that while, dying, I weigh its masses modern science has revealed, but and measure its law."

gle not very important sun. The particle is lost. nearest of the fixed stars lies at | It is not to be thought of that speck in an infinite universe.

despair. In certain moods we feel work. that so tiny a being as man has no The Easter season may bring

crowned him with glory and hon- him into nothingness.

man is the greatest thing in cre- eternal.

New Pastor Here

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it was big enough to make a man When one of the heavenly bodies, having run its course, grows The immensity of the universe old and cold ,or meets in terrific as we know it today gives fresh collision some other world no jot point to the psalmist's old ques- of its energy is destroyed nor par-The photographic camera ticle of its matter wasted. If there put behind the lens of the tele- is one law to which science is scope reveals worlds that average committed, a law obtaining to the as large or larger than the one on outermost reaches of the universe, which we live. Reckoned in the it is the law of the conservation total scheme of things our earth both of matter and of force. The is but a paltry satellite of a sin- universe is prodigious in it. No

such a distance in space that light, absolute economy should obtain traveling at the velocity of 186,- in the realm of matter and should 600 miles per second, will take fail in the realm of spirit. The over four years in crossing the costliest product, the product that space between it and us. Verily a gives significance to all else in crehuman being is much less than a ation, is not to be lost. The great Artificer, who has produced the The impression all this makes soul of man at such immense cost, on some minds is simply that of is not likely to destroy his handi-

essential worth and no special sig- you other grounds for belief in imnificance. It is on record that mortality. One that grows on me considerations like these momen- is the solid reasonableness of the tarily shook the faith of Daniel universe. God is an infinite economist. No blade of grass is But such thoughts did not wasted. He who has made man worry the psalmist. By way of but little lower than the angels, reply to his own question he sets who has allowed him to think forth the items in man's unique God's thoughts after Him, who dignity.. "Thou hast made him a has stirred him with the passion little lower than God and hast of eternity, will not lightly thrust

or. Thou madest him to have do- Even if the Easter bells, speakminion over the works of Thy ing of the age-long hope of huhands. Thou hast put all things manity, awaken no answering con-As a sentient being, sharing the least hardly escape the force of nature of the Creator, impelled by the philosophy of science, with its thoughts, hopes and affections, mighty intimation of the life

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TOPIC: The Kind of Life We Shall Wish We Had Lived. Luke, 16:19-31.

The Great Wish.

IT IS generally true that but little value can be placed on wishes.

The purpose is much more important birth and vigor to the purpose, and for Mission, 48 H street northeast, will be that reason our wishes should be for held Easter Sunday and Monday. Sun- worthy and attainable objects. After we of Trinity Church in Roanoke, Va., dered. The pastor, Rev. N. J. Scarito, differently will be of no avail. Both the are dead and gone, to wish we had lived wishing and the doing are for this life. no occasion to wish at all in the life beyond, for they shall be satisfied when they awake in His likeness; and for the unbelievers in the hereafter it will be too

will be rendered by the choir at both will die right. The great wish is ex-

The Life to Live.

was tendered a farewell at the salvation hath appeared to all men, ommittee, Miss Rachel Flaherty, chair- world: looking for that blessed hope, and the depths of unworthiness such a life Church tomorrow evening in the Swed- tary to the United States minister to San a peculiar people, zealous of good works. eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do al! Paul's teaching, is the life in which sin neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, is abandoned, "denying ungodliness and nor to the Church of God; even as I worldly lusts." This phrase includes the please all men in all things, not seeking Representative John Burnett of Ala-in an effort to secure a large number of away all unbelief, all neglect, all disrebama, will occupy the pulpit of the First new members to the Harlan class of the Baptist Church at Clarendon, Va., to-Sunday school of that church, which was or trust in Him, all disobedience to His name Special Easter music Justice Harlan of the Supreme Court. laws and day, all corrupt and victous desires In a letter to the men of the church and affections, all sensuality and filthiness, all covetousness, and all impure "We are making a canvass of the male thoughts and conversation. Put away all brother to offend." oth and D streets northeast, tomor ow members of our church with the view of these, for it is written, They that are

services, and also the celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of its organization as a church. In a small chapel on the rear of the lot now occupied by the large church building the congregation was organized twenty-one years ago. Rev. E. B. Bagby was the first pastor, and remained with the church for more our leader Representative M. A. Morriside Harlan we have a coming a member of the Harlan class. "You are probably aware that for more than fifteen years Mr. Justice Harlan was the leader of this class. During that time in became one of the most widely known Bible classes in the United States. Since the death of Mr. Justice Harlan we have been especially fortunate in having as our leader Representative M. A. Morriside Manday all ungodliness and remained with the church for more of the Harlan class.

And, further, Paul's teaching is that the right kind of life is not made up of negatives only. To abandon sin is important and necessary, but there is something more required. We must do good the death of Mr. Justice Harlan we have seen especially fortunate in having as our leader Representative M. A. Morriside Manday and godly in this soberly, righteously and godly in this soberly, righteously and godly in the one joy of doing kindnesses.

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Up in this: to deny all disjournees, and the thought of the things that are godly. All sin to do the things that are godly. All sin the church should take advantage of is either through omission or commission. The most complete and perfect the strongest, but the humblest and the weakest of earth's children, can, if they whenever possible.

With the view of acceptaints there is no past of conformity unto or the past five years under his ministery has continued its growth and de-"Sin is any want of conformity unto or transgression of the law of God."

Will, shed around them the very atmosphere of heaven. Kind words, sympathetic attentions

A Helpful Life.

The life to live, then, according to to the glory of God. Give none offense, mine own profit, but the profit of many, The true Christian life is to be so unselfish as to avoid doing what even the that pertains to the "home over there." conscience permits, if thereby others are injured. Paul said: "If meat make my while the world standeth, lest I make my

life, if we miss it, that we shall wish we had lived.

What we should shun and what we should not leave undone involves all of considerations in our social intercourse,

The Christ love has touched the heart of mankind. When He came to earth it was with a message from the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Shunning, shunning; doing, doing. Glory to God in the highest, and Shunning evil, doing good, that is the earth peace, good will toward men." "Glory to God in the highest, and on and enticing promise. All comes from Christ's love for us—and that love unites

> Whatever may be the vicissitudes of life society has entered. here, the life we shall wish we had lived is the one that brings us at last to the heavenly home. If we are at home here satisfying must be the home that Christ in loyalty to truth and in faithful en- has gone to prepare for those who love Jesus? deavor for righteousness and in loving obedience to Christ's teachings, we will be at home there. The triumph of life have no regrets, is the Christ life. is in this, that our character formed here is in loving obedience to God's precepts, and we are thus in sympathy with all 'Twill be as though we had been there before; We shall meet more we know

Than we can meet below, And find our rest like some returning dove, Our home at once with the Eternal Love Christ said to His disciples, "I go to prepare a place for you." I like to think less be." Oh, that we might all live in anticipate a home in the land of eternal love is a great incentive to strive for that kind of life here that will fit us for its words: There is no life so triumphant in this

Which sought through the world is ne'er met which sought through the world is he'er met with eisewhere.

An exile from home, splendor dazzles in vain; Oh, give me my lowly thatched cottage again; The birds singing gayly, that come at my call, Give me them, and that peace of mind deares than all!

Yet how much more entiring and heart

EChristian Endeavor

Notes

meeting Monday evening, at 8 death of Jesus was the pre-eminent disciples.

O'clock, in St. Paul's English Lutheran it was the average of this gospel. The disciples.

The fo Church, 11th and H streets northwest. and suffering. He died for us, making Mrs. D. E. Wiber will tell of recent prog- possible our reconciliation or, as Jefress of American missions, and the work ferson puts it, "the making up beof a mission study class will be demon-strated on the platform by a model class. Old Testament. It secured forgive-Mr. R. L. Holmes of Eastern Presby- ness for all sins and justification from terian Church will outline the proposed all things. It is the basis of salvation Mr. W. E. Braithawaite will conduct the singing and Miss Mabel Benzler will give by His burial. Every precaution was taken to prove without doubt that

Superintendents of Junior Christian En-

gational Society, section A, will be led! by Miss Linda K. Preston. "The Colleen Bawn" is the title of a dramatic recital to be given by Miss Ada Louise Townsend under the auspices of the social committee of the society on the evening of coccessors

Mr. Edward Thrall, president of Gunton-Temple Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Society, resigned this week because of his contemplated departure from And the good will among men makes the society, and has held a number of important offices. His successor will prob-ably be chosen at the business meeting of the society next Tuesday evening, in the

> West Street Presbyterian Christian Endeavor executive committee met Wednesday evening at the home of the president, Mr. J. B. Reeside, and planned to push the efficiency campaign upon which the

and serve Him. The kind of life to live in order to reach that home, and the one for which we will It is all summed up in those three words, the Christ life, for He is the criterion in heaven, and our lives here must be in accordance with His standard. Living in love and communion with Christ is the only life that insures against wishes or regrets for not having lived differently. If we could but realize that in Him alone are found the love, the light the joy of life and follow where He leads there would be nothing then to fear the spirit and in the glorious assurance of hope as expresed by the blind minister.

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That in Thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee; My heart restores its berrowed ray. That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pair, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be. O Cross that liftest up my head,

Sunday School Lesson By Rev. Hugh T. Stevenson.

The Appearance of the Risen Lord (Easter Lesson). I Cor., 15:1-11.

Golden Text: This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we are all witnesses. Acts, 2:32.

ASTER emphasizes the truth that he triumphant resurrection of our Lord and Savior. We turn aside from early church refused to consider it as a our study of Christ's public ministry to messiabship and message upon His res- death. The church testifies today urrection. With prophetic vision He resurrection of Christ. the epitome of His gospel. The basic the conquest of the Master principle of the apostles' teaching was product of the resurrection of our Lord. eved in Christ as a risen Savior.

The Corinthian church was divided tions by its message apon one of the fundamentals of Chris- and comfort. It is the only tianity. The certainty and character of system that fits men's needs. Its dynaleved was the burning question. Some witnesses of Christ's resurrection, as elements in the church had evidently failed to grasp the full significance of Christianity. They had no destre to deny Christianity. They had no destre to deny their faith when they misinterpreted the teachings concerning the future life. Possibly the cosmopolitan character of the nembers of the church may have caused The Sadduceans among the Jews de-

In seeking to settle this disturbing doc- ible fact without positive proof. great clearness and force. In the remarkby profound reasoning and burning resurrection. rhetoric Paul discourses three facts-re- In the providence of God these embodiment, relation of the future body demonstrations were furnished in rhetoric Paul discourses three facts-reto the present and the unlikeness of the great variety and at various times; spiritual body of the future to the presnt physical body. The apostle claimed The appearances were seldom repeated that he was not presenting any new in the same place or under the same thought, but the fundamentals of his circumstances. In the open, along the preaching that he had received by divine road, by the lake, near the tombstone * * * *

Paul's Preaching.

The good news that they accepted

has been the means of their conversion. Through Paul's preaching they Luke gives us the detail of the meeting had come into a personal relationship when Christ restored Peter. Possibly with Jesus Christ, which had enabled as Morgan suggests, it was in refer them to defeat evil so that they were Blessed be the God and Father of in a state of safety not only from sin but our Lord Jesus Christ, who according ts punishment. The will of man was one to His great mercy begat us again of the factors through the co-operation into a living hope by the resurrection its accomplishment. They had accepted reference to the twelve refers to the he gospel without holding fast all of the first appearance to the ten apostles creed of Christianity, which, as a religious when Thomas was absent. The next system, was based upon historical facts. "The first incontestable truth of Paul's reaching which he has described as the the majority were then (56 A.D.) liv-"the word of the cross" or "Jesus ing witnesses. It was undoubtedly on and Him crucified." was that "Christ a mountain of Galilee that Christ apdied for our sins." This was one of peared and gave His program for Endeavor Union will hold its April the pivotal facts of his gospel. The evangelization of the world to His for all who repent and believe the gos-

Christ had died. The Roman centurion certified to Pilate that Jesus was dead. The soldiers proved it when they Church Monday evening, at 7 o'clock, to flow of blood and water from the consider plans for junior work during the wound established His death beyond any question. His body was placed Barger of the District Union will have had ever been placed. It was closed up by a stone and sealed by the authorities, who guarded it with troops. The burial of Jesus was not a mere in-The Easter meeting of the First Congre- cident to Christ's death, but was an essential part of the gospel, for unless He had entered the grave the resurrection could not have taken place.

Three times Paul refers to the grace of The third truth of Paul's preaching was God, the unmerited favor by which he

Suggestive Questions

On the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. T. S. Linscott for the International Press Bible Question Club.

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gospel of Christ?" How much is essential for a sinner to know or believe in order to be sayed by

Is it possible to be saved and yet differ ly, steadily, but surely transformed the with Paul in some of his doctrines? Verse 3-What is your precise under-

standing of the phrase "Christ died for our sins?" Verse 4-What is the proof that Christ was crucified and buried?

What Old Testament proof is there foretelling that Jesus would be crucified and buried and that this would be essential in say with Peter "This Jesus hath God raisorder to complete His mission?

Verse 5-What are the facts concerning the statement that Cephas saw Jesus after His resurrection from the dead? (See Luke, xxiv: 34-36.) When and where was Jesus seen after His resurrection by all the apostles? (See Matt., xxviii:16; Mark, xvi:14; John,

Verse 6-What is the value of Paul's statement as evidence that Jesus was seen after His resurrection by over 500 brethren at one time? Verse 7-What proof did Jesus give at His various appearances after His resur-rection that it was really himself they despair, difficulties and discouragements rection that it was really himself they Verses 8-9-What are the facts in con-

How many recorded times are there that Jesus appeared after His resurrec How many years after the crucifixion did Paul write this evidence concerning Christ's resurrection?

Verses 10-11-What are the reasons which compel belief in Paul's testimony

as a basis for salvation. He never sep arated Christ's death from His resurred tion. The cross was the basis of salvation, but the resurrection was the heart of Paul's gospel. The living Christ was the core of his message. The resurrection is a revelation of what the cross was for. Calvary was a victory, not an over throw. The cross was not a scaffold, but tim as a king and priest.

consider the citadel of Christianity. The Christ. The history of Christendom is founder of our faith staked His mission, proof of the triumph of our Lord over pointed to His triumph over death as a of the first day as the Lord's day is that He is risen. The good news they The power of the Christian religion lifted the veil of nature and manifested in the Lord's word, Lord's

reached lifted the ven of life to all that be- day, Lord's people is today the most po ne re-embodiment of the souls of the be- uplift of humanity, so that we are all

Positive Proof.

critics of Germany, says that "There is The Sadduceans among the Jews de-nied the resurrection. The Athenians "mocked when they heard of the resur-rection of the dead." Others, as Cran-our Lord's resurrection has been tested urrection, believing, like many today, that by accredited and competent testimony spirit from body, hence with muititudes, that the apostles were not credulous men trinal difference Paul penned the first, so refers to six of the twive recorded apfar as is known, resurrection story with pearances of the risen Lord, probably in the chronological order, proving by his able chapter upon the resurrection marked | bodily appearance the fact of Christ's

morning, noon, afternoon and evening and on the mountain. He appeared in the dining room, prayer or conference

meeting of the church Paul first refers to the appearance to name of Cephas. Neither Paul nor which the eternal purposes reached of Jesus Christ from the dead." The refers to Christ appearing to the multitude of 500 Christians of whom

> The fourth reference of James is not found in any other record. Possibly this was the time when Christ won the first martyr of the apostolic band, for James, the Lord's brother. was as skeptical as Thomas, who was present when Jesus appeared to the eleven apostles and was convinced by the Lord's words and the opportunity furnished for his investigation. This was probably when He led them out as far as Bethany and was parted from born again by the conviction that the

> crucified Nazarene was his risen and living Lord. Christ promised pardon peace and power in the first three appearances, and he removed the skepticism of family, friend and foe during the last three appearances. The memapostle with the realization of his own

> > Powerful Processes.

was transformed from the persecutor of the church to the preacher of the gospel of the risen Christ. Paul had labored effectively. Not only he but all that had preached to them had declared the same

gospel and they had believed the message of the resurrection. The powerful

processes by which they had been changed were due to preaching of the truth, of immortality that Christ had risen because of His holmess. His God was not dead, but a living and honest God, who would have told them if it were not so. The resurrection of Christ was a proof that there would be a resurrection of the dead. Religious experience demonstrates it. Christ the power, that transformed the Christian is the same force or our justification, to indorse the rea Verses 1-2-How many ideas or facts sonableness of our faith. Religious life is are absolutely essential to complete "the not an illusion.

The martyrs and Christians who have passed on did not waste their life or abor. He gave them the power by which during the past centuries they have changed the current of civilization, slowcharacter of men and nations. The laymen that realized Christ's presence, peace and power with them went forth to evangelize the world. The church has exercised its power to mold the character, countries and centuries when the fact

was understood that their Lord was If the churches of Jesus Christ would heed the Master's call today, they would ed up, whereof we are all witnesses" to proclaim this gospel to every creature. When the laymen of the church of the risen Lord realize that Christ lives they will demonstrate the power of His resurrection by winning the world for Him. Christ's resurrection is the germ of our endless life, and is prophetic of the Christion resurrection when Christ shall appear. The power that broke the bonds of death on Easter morn is the promised force by which we too shall conquer

Christ's presence with us has given us of the present age. The defeats of life have been changed into a victory for us nection with the appearance of Jesus to by the resurrection of our Lord. The Paul? of life over death, of regeneration over degeneration, of construction over de-struction, of conformation over deformation, that fills us with hope and joy this

Easter tide, because as we look at the empty tomb we see and believe, He is not here, for he has risen, as He said. The Jesus did God raise up, whereof we

ish language. It will be under the Salvador, and plans to leave shortly for direction of Rev. A. J. Enstam, who is that country. in charge of the effort of the Swedish mission here. He will deliver a brief sermon. There will be special music. * * * *

missioners to the general assembly

of the church which meets in May

Swedish Service

will be named at the meeting.

morrow at 11 a. m. His subject will be taught for many years by the late Mr. laws and all profanations of His name will be rendered.

At the Ninth Street Christian Church.

1.054 and an inactive list of 615. The we are asking you to fill out and mail Bible school has an enrollment of over to Mr. Morrison. Please think seriously 1.000, and had an average attendance over this opportunity afforded you and during March of 650. The church propagree to attend at least two meetings ery is now valued at \$50,000, with only a each month while the class is in session. few thousand of debt, which will soon You will be greatly benefited, and Mr. be paid. All the members and friends Morrison will be encouraged in the work are requested to attend the services to-lif you show your appreciation by your morrow morning. In the evening the attendance."

Pastor and People : brough the Holy Land. The subject will 'Mount Tabor and the Transfigura-

> Shelley's cantata, Death and Life, will be sung by the choir of the Union Methodist Episcopal Church tomorrow even-

ceeds Rev. J. Howard Wells as Special services at the Italian Baptist Rev. Mr. Wells, who becomes pastor day morning special music will be renwill speak on "The Risen Christ," followed by the communion service. Monday evening at 8 o'clock the Sunday school will give its Easter entertainment, The Easter offering in St. Margaret's to which friends from other Sunday Episcopal Church tomorrow will be de- schools will be welcomed.

voted to the fund for a new parish Easter will be most appropriately ob- late to wish. served at Metropolitan Memorial Meth-Rev. Dr. George H. Crutcher of odist Church, corner John Marshall place and C street northwest. Special music vival meetings in the West Washington Baptist Church Monday evening. morning and evening services. At 11 He will be assisted by Rev. B. D. Gaw, o'clock Dr. Montgomery will speak on the subject "The Divine Gardener." In let my last end be like His." the evening at 8 he will speak on "How meeting of the Pres- It Seemed to the Man in the Valley.' bytery of Washington will be held in To all the services of the day the public the Church of the Covenant the even-

is most cordially invited. Mr. A. Perrone, treasurer of the Young People's Society of Immanuel Baptist he said: "The grace of God that bringeth church Wednesday evening. The program teaching us that, denying ungodliness and Miss Ruth Pope, and readings by Miss b Virginia Raymond, after which the social righteously and godly in this present than God's, it is impossible to conceive man, took charge of the games and re- the glorious appearing of the great God freshments. Mr. Perrone was presented and our Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Paul teaches us that in whatsoever we An Easter service is to be held in the with the word "Immanuel" engraved on Himself for us, that He might redeem us do we are to give none offense, but be chapel of the Luther Place Memorial the back. He has been appointed secre- from all iniquity and purify unto Himself helpful to all: "Whether, therefore, ye

Mr. Holcombe G. Johnson has associated a number of young men of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church Mr. Johnson says: meraling, a double celebration will be giving each man an opportunity of be- Christ's have crucified the nesh with the simply to meat offered to idols, but to held. There will be appropriate Easter coming a member of the Harlan class. affections and lusts."

"With the view of ascertaining those There is now an active membership of interested, we are inclosing a card, which

What know I more that's worth the knowing? What have I done that's worth the doing?

that they may be saved.' The application of these words is not

transgression of the law of God."

Then the life that transgresses the least and conforms the most to the requirements of God's law is the life that we should wish to live; and it is the only from all the mines of the world. The

life's great problems. Let the thought of life would be unbearable and race sui-

us in loving sympathy and helpful rela-The Triumphant Life.

the dearest place in this world home. To fullest enjoyment. world as the one that contributes most to the purity, peace and sacredness of the home. The earthly home, with its human limitations, is so dear that every one echoes the sentiment expressed in the words of John Howard Payne: Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam Be it never so humble, there's no place like A charm from the skies seems to hallow us there

I dare not ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead. And from the ground there blossom